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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A cannula cover for an injector, wherein said cover can be axially retracted prior to injection to expose a cannula and the cannula cover exhibits a substantially closed front facing side comprising a cannula passage opening.
- 2. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 1, wherein it comprises a latch which can be unlatched by rotating the cover, said latch preventing the cover from being retracted.
- 3. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 1, wherein it comprises a seal for said cannula passage opening.
- 4. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 3, wherein said seal for the cannula passage opening exposes the cannula passage opening via a movement-coupled exposing mechanism when the cover is retracted.
- 5. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 4, wherein the seal comprises two tongues with sealing sections at their front ends, and said sealing sections seal the cannula passage opening when the cover is advanced and are forced apart when the cover is retracted, so as to expose the cannula passage opening.
- 6. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 5, wherein the tongues are fixed at the rear base end of the cover and are forced apart by a lever action at the front portion of the cannula support, when the cover is retracted.

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7. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 3, wherein the seal comprises a covering flap which is slid away from the cannula passage opening via a slaving means when the cover is unlatched by rotating it.

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- 8. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 3, wherein the seal comprises a sealing strip which may be shifted in a longitudinal guide in the cover and whose front end can be slid away from the cannula passage opening by means of a slider on the cover.
- 9. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 8, wherein said sealing strip can be shifted directly by longitudinally shifting said slider.
- 10. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 8, wherein the sealing strip can be shifted by shifting the slider in the circumferential direction on the cover, and wherein a movement direction component may be shifted.
- 11. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 10, wherein the slider simultaneously unlatches the latch preventing the cover from being retracted.
- 12. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 1, wherein the cover can only be retracted when a force acts on the cover from the front.
- 13. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 12, wherein a threaded insert is provided which converts a force acting in the axial direction into a rotational movement.
- 14. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 12, wherein the cover and said threaded insert are coupled such that an axial movement of the cover leads to a relative movement between the cover and the threaded insert.
- 15. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 12, wherein a spring element is provided to bias the cover and/or threaded insert.

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16. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 12, wherein a latching mechanism is provided which prevents the cover from being inserted.

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17. (Original) The cannula cover as set forth in claim 12, wherein a sealing element for the cannula passage opening is provided which exposes the cannula passage opening when the cover is inserted.